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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	08/999,690
Filing Date	September 8, 1997
First Named Inventor	Walter H. Günzburg
Group Art Unit	1633
Examiner Name	D. Clark
Attorney Docket Number	2316.1003-000 (GSF97-03A)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐.
  - iii. ☐ Other -- ☐.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment
  - ii. ☒ Exhibit A and Exhibit B
  - iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/ Form PTO-1449 and Cited Reference(s)  
(Pending Application(s) and Reference(s) AV2, AP, AQ, AL2, AM2, AN2 and AO2)
  - iv. ☒ Other -- Petition for Extension of Time (Four Month) and Amendment Fee Letter w/ Copy.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other -- ☐.

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this statement is enclosed for accounting purposes.

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	11/28/2000 AWONDAF1 00000079 08999690	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:179	710.00 OP
	02 FC:103	468.00 OP
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other -- Amendment Fee.	03 FC:102	160.00 OP

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$2,728.00 enclosed, which includes the fee for RCE (\$710.00), Four Month Extension of Time (\$1,390.00), and Amendment (\$628.00).
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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